

MINUTES OF THE COTTONWOOD HEIGHTS HISTORIC COMMITTEE HELD MARCH 12, 2014,
CITY OFFICE BUILDING

MEMBERS PRESENT:	Tom Shimizu, Dean Smart, Gayle Conger, Carol Woodside, John Glauser, Bev Lund, Jerri Harwell
EXCUSED;	Sylvia Orton, Mike Peterson
NOT PRESENT:	Jerry Christensen
OTHERS PRESENT:	Linda Dunlavy, Deputy City Manager

Tom Shimizu, Chairman, opened the meeting at 6:20 P.M. Mr. Shimizu welcomed Linda Dunlavy, Deputy City Manager, who was representing our City Councilman, Mike Peterson. He turned the time over to her.

Ms. Dunlavy informed the committee that on March 25th, 2014, a resolution would be presented at the City Council meeting reappointing two of our members. Those members are Dean Smart and John Glauser. She also mentioned that there is an open position on our committee and she wondered if Councilman Peterson had given the committee a copy of an application the City had received. The application was from a Duane Whiting.

Mr. Shimizu informed her that he did have that application and after some discussion at the last meeting the committee had not made a final decision. Mr. Shimizu had tried to get in touch with Jerry Christensen who has not been attending our meetings to see if he was still available to be on the committee. He is involved with the scouting program and their meetings are every Wednesday. He will continue to try and make contact. Mr. Shimizu had sent an email to Melinda Horton who had previously applied but he has not received a reply.

Ms. Dunlavy will present the names of Mr. Smart and Mr. Glauser at the March 25th meeting.

Last Monday the City met with the abutting property owners for feedback on the proposed City Hall. On the 19th of March there will be an open house from 6-8 P.M. in the training room for the public to make comment. The City has closed on seven properties sitting on a four acre parcel. There will be photos of 27 other city halls for those present to look at and make comment on. Financing and traffic will be discussed. Those who have all the answers will be present to address the public.

John Glauser reported on his assignment which was getting prices on street signs for the "historic areas" in the City. He had talked to Doug Swain who works for UDOT and was given a price of \$15.00, per sign. It would be a little more if we wanted a two toned sign. The most common signs are 8"x24" or even 30". If we wanted a larger sign 24"x30" the cost would be \$35.00.

Gayle Conger mentioned that she has driven around the City to each of the locations. Each location is different. To be effective we would have to put our logo signs either above or below the current street signs. She has met with Mike Allen and he along with the City engineer will help determine the best way to accommodate the signs. If we go strictly with street signs there will be a total of 39. Some of the posts are 8' tall and in order accommodate our "historic signs" they will need to be replaced with 10' posts.

Jerri Harwell asked who would be responsible to replace those poles. Ms. Conger responded that the cost to do that would need to be added to our budget request. Mr. Allen had indicated that it would be a simple fix to change out those posts because of how they are anchored in the ground. It is a simple matter of unbolting the old post and bolting on the new post. Two of the locations for this type of posts are Danish Road and Will Dyer's Road.

Mr. Shimizu asked about Creek Road. Ms. Conger said that this was complicated because the north side of Creek Road belongs to our City while the on the south side it is part Salt Lake County and/or Sandy City. We would have to decide how to handle it. On Pepper's Hill there is no street sign and we would have to install the posts. Each individual location needs to be looked at and will require a different solution.

Ms. Harwell suggested working with the communities on the north of Creek Road and see if they might have interest in working with us on this project. She would also like to borrow a van from the City and drive to the areas so she could look at them. She is not familiar with them and thinks others on the committee might like to look at them in person.

Ms. Conger thought that would be a very good idea. She mentioned that Mike Allen was aware that we were working on this project, but the information he received a year ago, which was discussed by our committee, was not street signs. He thought they would be signs like the ones for the REC Center. There are areas where this type of sign would be good because additional information could be added. She said that she could see this type of sign for some of the areas. One of them was Butler Bench. This sign could read "Historic Butler Bench Area" and add the date settled. Two other areas this type of sign could be used for are the Danish Town area and the Poverty Flats area. She also felt that the "hills" might be better served with this type of sign.

Don Antczak said that he could see what Ms. Conger was saying and agreed that this signage might be the better way to go.

Bev Lund asked what had become of the plan to get the Willow Creek area annexed into the City. After some discussion Mr. Shimizu told Ms. Lund that this matter was a City problem, not one for the Historic Committee.

Ms. Conger went on to say that although she has gone back and forth on the Highland Drive/Ft. Union Blvd. (Colbrook Corner) intersection she could see the signage on the overhead cross arms as the name "Colbrook's Corner" was used for directions.

A discussion followed with Ms. Harwell once again making a suggestion that we tour the sites and that during the time of next month's meeting we could drive the City and actually see the areas in question.

Ms. Conger said that these signs would not go in until after the beginning of the next fiscal year which would be July 1st. We have time to really study and decide on the best plan for each site and not have to rush into a decision we might later regret. She also suggested that prior to the placement of the signs there be an article in the local papers explaining the "Historic" names and how they came about and were used by the early residents.

Mr. Glauser read the list of the "Historic" areas. They are: Butler Hill, Butler Bench, Colbrook Corner, Danish Town, Will Dyer's Road, Poverty Flats, Union Fort Road, Pepper's Hill, and Brown's/Colbrook's Hill. He then asked to be excused.

Mr. Shimizu asked Ms. Conger to keep track of the information she has collected and follow-up as the plan progresses. Ms. Conger indicated that a total of 40 signs would be needed, but also wanted the committee's help in decisions regarding the signs and their placement. In line with this, she asked the committee to accept Ms. Harwell's plan of using next month's meeting time, plus whatever additional time is required to tour the areas. The committee decided that the April 9th, 2014 meeting would be used for this tour. The time was decided on 6:00 P.M. to 7:30 P.M. Ms. Dunlavy will make the arrangements for a van.

Time was turned over for the history progress reports. Ms. Harwell began by reporting on the Union area of the City. She has an appointment this coming Saturday and hopes that this interview along with various other information she has gathered will speed along her assignment. She has several names of locals including a Butch Cole and Alice Godfrey's family that she will contact for photos and information.

Dean Smart reported that he has gotten in contact with Joyce Milne and she will write up something on Milne and Hilton's gas station. When he receives that information he will pass it along to Ms. Harwell.

Don Antczak reported that he has gotten in touch with Marilyn Ovard and she is trying to locate the plat that Richard [Boyce] had of the area. His partner is very reluctant of letting anything go, but she will try. Mr. Antczak has turned in a list of people living in the area north of 70th South and south of the freeway. Ms. Conger has helped him with that list. Mr. Shimizu wondered if he has a list of those residents to the north of the freeway. Mr. Antczak said that he had not investigated that portion because of city area ends at the freeway. He mentioned Evans, Grays and Poulsens as the families he could remember that lived just inside the city limits south of the freeway on 23rd East.

Tom Shimizu reported that he had called the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints requesting information on Brigham Young's actions in sending out people to settle the area. He received an email from them suggesting he read "Lady in the Iron Bucket" and "History of the Butler Area" by a Judith Butters. He mentioned that while the history as written by Ms. Butters contained some wrong information she did list a number of resources used in gathering her information.

Don Antczak remembered that Harold Blair had told him that the brick home at approximately 1850 East on 70th South was originally built by a Maxfield. The Cowley's Wilson's and Blair's were all related. Harold Blair married a Wilson and built a home next to the Cowley's. In the same area was also a home owned by a McCarthy family.

Carol Woodside reported that Ms. Conger gave her a disk of 66 "Historical Questions & Answers." Most have been published but 24 of them have not. She is working with Ms. Conger on adding them into the timeline. She is also working with Mr. Antczak on his portion of the history gathering.

Ms. Woodside told the committee that she had attending 100 year anniversary of the Richardson Ward in the Sugar House area. They organized a display of photos and information in ten year periods with national and international events also listed as well as information regarding the price of living during that period.

Bev Lund was asked if she had collected more information on the Creek Road area and the original settlers prior to the 1950s. She had not, however she did have some information that was given to her by a lady who was related to an Eva Butler. Ms. Conger said that Eva was the child for which the cedar tree was planted. This cedar tree is the one mentioned on one of the markers along the trail. This is the type of information that we need on the early residents of the Creek Road area.

Ms. Lund has also been working on a "Historical Question & Answer" about cock fighting. Several members of the committee were familiar with the cock fighting held at several locations along Creek Road. Ms. Lund mentioned that even in the early years this was a very secretive activity. This activity is in the process of becoming a felony. Mr. Antczak indicated that it is a very vicious sport. The committee agreed that it is part of our local history and would be a good Q&A.

Gayle Conger reported on the ZAP grant was we were granted. So far we have received \$1,516.20, and in May will receive another \$1,010.80. This brings the total ZAP monies to \$2,527.00. These are matching funds and most have been spent for the trail markers and brochures. If there is any left it can be used for blowing up historic photos.

Ms. Conger passed around a sample trail marker brochure that she has been working on. If the committee approves this material she will present it to Ann Eatchel to make sure that it matches what was agreed to when we applied for the grant. If it does the City has a graphic artist who will put it together for publishing. The committee agreed on the brochure and Ms. Conger will get with Ms. Eatchel and Stephanie Dickey for a final review before publication.

The last assignment given to Ms. Conger was regarding the grant for the Local Certified Government. She had advised the committee of this grant last year, however, we missed the deadline for this year's grant so we need to be ready to proceed and apply for the next one. We must not miss out again. While working on information for the grant she contacted the State to see what the surveys entailed that we need to do. She talked to a man from the Archaeological area of the government and he sent her information on an archaeological study and within our City we have a prehistoric campsite which was recorded by the State and evaluated for a National Historic Site. This was a campsite for Native American Indians. When Ms. Conger related this information to Sylvia Orton, she was told that children in her neighborhood found many arrow heads in the sand dunes. The site was on the southeast corner of Bengal Boulevard and Highland Drive, present home to the hundreds of apartments built on that location.

Within our City limits we have two other sites. One is the Salt Lake Jordan Canal which was surveyed and eligible as a National Historic Site. The second is the portion of the East Jordan Canal that lies within our City limits which also has been recorded with the State and recommended eligible as a National Historic Site.

The man Ms. Conger was talking to overlaid the map of our City on his map to check for the archeological sites. When she did the same she thinks that there might be two additional sites within our City limits. The State uses geological survey maps. Using the maps she has it looks like there is a historic canal feature headgate that has been reported to the State but not evaluated yet. The other is also a historic headgate feature which belonged to the Tanner Ditch. It also has not been evaluated.

The first survey on the Architectural side is called a "Windshield" survey. This is merely driving around and viewing the area and looking at each site to see if it meets the requirements for a National Historic

Site. Once this is done a more comprehensive study is made to make certain it meets those requirements. As far as the buildings we can do it anyway we want. We can divide the City into little areas and take an area at a time and have it surveyed or we could take a specific neighborhood or property we want and have it surveyed. The survey will determine which buildings qualify as a historic site.

Ms. Conger mentioned that another house along Danish Road has been torn down, leaving just her house and Wilford Hansen's house from the Danish Town era still standing. Anyone can nominate a building but the homeowner must give their permission to do so. Houses can still be torn down but once on the Historic Register the committee needs to be notified giving us a chance to have input. It gives us a 30 day period that we can go in and take inventory and photos to document it and preserve it for history. She suggests we take the main streets, because that is where the homes were located, and start our surveys on those homes we feel will qualify. She mentioned that her term is up next year and she would like to see someone take this over that will take ownership and keeps track of the details to make sure it happens because this work will take place after the first of next year. For a windshield survey it is about \$15.00 per house. If we want to nominate a building she suggests we hire a professional to do it as it is very time consuming. She has a list of people qualified to do the surveys as well as the nominating.

Jerri Harwell made the comment that Ms. Conger has done more work than the entire committee combined. Ms. Harwell and Ms. Conger are original members of the committee and according to the City Ordinances their terms will be up at the end of the year. Ms. Conger was jokingly told, "Just because she got her award it didn't mean she could leave." The committee hopes that there is a way to keep valuable members on the committee and asked MS. Dunlavy to look into a change of the City Ordinance regarding term limits on the committees.

Dean Smart reported that he is in contact with Rand Brown. Mr. Brown is going to get together with his cousins and collect all the photos he can and try to get information on the Brown and Sandford Ditch. Mr. Brown said he got a letter from the Historic Committee that he will give to Mr. Smart. The letter requested information and Mr. Smart wondered who had sent it. Ms. Conger asked the date of the letter, but he did not know. He said that Art Milne also had mentioned that a Kevin Cromar had made contact with him. Ms. Conger said that while Mr. Cromar was on the committee he contacted many people regarding the local history. With how long we have been waiting for information from these people that contact from Mr. Cromar could have been years ago.

Mr. Shimizu asked when the figures for our next fiscal year's budget needed to be turned in. Ms. Dunlavy said she thought Mr. Peterson would need those figures in April. He asked that the figures be determined and turned into him. He will check with Sylvia Orton to see what amount she would need for Butlerville Days. He wants to get back to doing oral histories. Ms. Conger said that Ms. Orton is making arrangements to get the oral history from a lady in her area whose maiden name was Green and whose mother was a Wootton. Mr. Shimizu will check with Ms. Orton regarding the recorders that are available.

Mr. Smart asked if there was going to be a published book. Mr. Shimizu responded that was going to happen but we are not anywhere close to doing so and when we are ready we will need a professional to do it. We can get a list of people from the State.

Ms. Dunlavy asked if we have a committee letterhead. She will check with Mr. Peterson. She will also make sure that the trail markers are paid for.

Meeting adjourned at 7:48 P.M. The tour of sites requiring "Historic Street Markers" will replace our next scheduled meeting. The tour will be on April 9, 2014 at 6:00 P.M.